

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:	Ferrara et al.	Examiner:	HUYNH, PHUONG N
Serial No.:	10/692,299	Group Art Unit:	1644
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Conf. No.:	9503	Customer No.:	23552
Title:	EG-VEGF NUCLEIC ACIDS AND POLYPEPTIDES AND METHODS OF USE		

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents  
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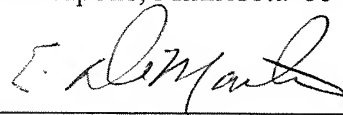
Dear Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a three-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action mailed April 10, 2006, said period of response being extended from July 10, 2006 to October 10, 2006.

Please charge Deposit Account No. 13-2725 in the amount of \$1020.00 to cover the required extension fee for a large entity.

Respectfully submitted,

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